

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW Department – Covid-19 - Notification of Mucormycosis under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 - issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE(B2)DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 56

Dated: 20-05-2021.

Read:

Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897(Act No.3 of 1897).

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O R D E R:

In view of the outbreak of dangerous epidemic disease, namely Mucormycosis, among immune-compromised patients, especially COVID-19 patients, the ordinary provisions of law for the time being in force are insufficient for the purpose. As per recommendations of the State Epidemiological Committee on COVID-19, in the Clinical Management of COVID-19, every suspect and confirmed case of Mucormycosis with or without COVID symptoms shall be notified to the District Health Authorities, namely the District Medical & Health Officer in each District.

2. Government after examination of the matter hereby issue the following Notification to be published in the Extra Ordinary Issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, hereby issue the following Regulations on Mucormycosis:

- 1.** These Regulations may be called "The Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Diseases (Mucormycosis) Regulations, 2021" and shall remain valid for one year from the date of publication.
- 2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires "Epidemic Disease" means Mucormycosis.
- 3.** All the healthcare facilities (Government and private) will follow the guidelines for screening, diagnosis, management of Mucormycosis, issued by MoHFW (GoI)/ ICMR/ State Government and amended from time to time.
- 4.** All the healthcare facilities (Government and private) shall report each and every suspected or confirmed case of Mucormycosis to the Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, A.P., through concerned District Medical & Health Officer and to the District Collectors.
- 5.** No person/institution or organization will spread any information or material for management of Mucormycosis without prior permission from the Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, A.P.
- 6.** Penalty: Any person/institution or organization disobeying these Regulations or order issued under these Regulations shall be deemed to have committed as offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).

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7. Protection to persons acting under these Regulations: No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under these regulations.

8. These Regulations shall come into force at once and shall remain valid for one year from the date of publication.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**ANIL KUMAR SINGHAL,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To

The Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, AP, Mangalagiri.

The Director of Public Health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.

The Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada.

The Commissioner, APVVP, Vijayawada.

All the DM&HOs in the State.

All the District Co-ordinator of Hospital Services in the State.

All the Superintendents of the Teaching Hospitals in the State.

Copy to:

OSD to Hon'ble Dy.C.M(H,FW&ME).

Addl. Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.

PS to Prl.Secy.to Govt., HM&FW Department.

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//FORWARDED: : BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

Please see the proposal of the Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, A.P., for issuing of Notification on Mucormycosis disease under Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897.

The Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, A.P., in his proposal has stated that in view of the outbreak of dangerous epidemic disease, namely Mucormycosis, among immune-compromised patients, especially COVID-19 patients, the ordinary provisions of law for the time being in force are insufficient for the purpose. As per recommendations of the State Epidemiological Committee on COVID-19, in the Clinical Management of COVID-19, every suspect and confirmed case of Mucormycosis with or without COVID symptoms shall be notified to the District Health Authorities, namely the District Medical & Health Officer in each District.

In view of above, the Commissioner of Health & Family Welfare, A.P., has requested the Government to issue Notification in exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 2 of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897 and proposed to frame the the following Regulations on Mucormycosis:

- 1.** These Regulations may be called "The Andhra Pradesh Epidemic Diseases (Mucormycosis) Regulations, 2021" and shall remain valid for one year from the date of publication.
- 2.** In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires "Epidemic Disease" means Mucormycosis.
- 3.** All the healthcare facilities (Government and private) will follow the guidelines for screening, diagnosis, management of Mucormycosis, issued by MoHFW (GoI)/ ICMR/ State Government and amended from time to time.
- 4.** All the healthcare facilities (Government and private) shall report each and every suspected or confirmed case of Mucormycosis to the Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, A.P., through concerned District Medical & Health Officer and to the District Collectors.
- 5.** No person/institution or organization will spread any information or material for management of Mucormycosis without prior permission from the Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, A.P.
- 6.** No person/institution or organization will use any print electronic or any other form of media for Mucormycosis without prior permission from the Commissioner, Health & Family Welfare, A.P.,
- 7.** Penalty: Any person/institution or organization disobeying these Regulations or order issued under these Regulations shall be deemed to have committed as offence punishable under section 188 of Indian Penal Code (45 of 1860).

8. Protection to persons acting under these Regulations: No suit or legal proceedings shall lie against any person for anything done or intended to be done in good faith under these regulations.

9. These regulations shall come into force at once and shall remain valid for one year from the date of publication.